

Application Serial No. 10/724,026

REMARKS

Applicants reply to the Office Action mailed November 8, 2005, within the shortened statutory period for reply. Claims 1-2, 4-10, 11-12, 13-17, 19-25, and 27-32 (29 total claims, 5 independent) are pending in this application. Claims 1, 4-5, 7, 10, 13-14, 17, 19, 21-25, 27, 29, 30, and 32 stand rejected and claims 2, 3, 6, 8, 9, 15, 16, 18, 20, 26, and 29 are objected to as dependent upon rejected base claims. Applicants thank the Examiner for an indication of allowance of claims 11 and 12. Applicants amend claims 1, 13, 25, and 29 and cancel claims 3, 18, and 26. No new matter is added by these amendments, which are supported in the originally filed patent application. Applicants request reconsideration of pending claims 1-2, 4-10, 13-17, 19-25, and 27-32.

Drawings Objection

As a preliminary matter, the drawings are objected to for failure to show the pull-type pump of claim 15. Applicants assert that a pull-type pump is properly shown in Fig. 2 and described as such in paragraph 0014; the "exemplary trigger type pump . . . is pulled in a horizontal direction with a force." Accordingly, Applicants request withdrawal of this objection.

Claims Rejections and Objections

Claims 1, 4-5, 7, 10, 13-14, 17, 19, 21-25, 27, 30, and 32 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 (a) as being unpatentable over Stoesser et al. Claim 28 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 (a) as being unpatentable over Stoesser in view of Kamps.

Claims 2, 3, 6, 8, 9, 15, 16, 18, 20, 26, and 29 are objected to as being dependent upon rejected base claims, and the Examiner has indicated that these claims would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

As suggested by the Examiner, Applicants have amended claims 1, 13, 25, and 29 to combine the limitations of a rejected base claim and the limitations of an otherwise allowable dependent claim. Specifically, Applicants amend independent claim 1 to include the limitations of claim 3, independent claim 13 to include the limitations of claim 18, independent claim 25 to

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include the limitations of claim 26, and claim 29 to include the limitations of independent claim 1.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the rejection of claims 1, 13, 25, and 29. As claims 4-5, 7, 10, 14, 17, 19, 21-24, 27, 30, and 32 depend respectively from claims 1, 13, and 25, these claims are likewise allowable for the same reasons, in addition to their own respective features and Applicants request withdrawal of the rejection of these claims as well. Similarly, as claims 2, 6, 8-9, 15-16, 20, 26, 29, and 31 depend respectively from claims 1, 13, and 25, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the objections to these claims as well.

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CONCLUSION

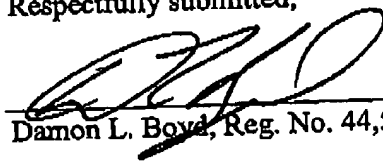
In view of the foregoing, all of the currently pending claims 1-2, 4-10, 11-12, 13-17, 19-25, and 27-32 (29 total claims, 5 independent) are in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes that a telephone conference would be useful in moving the application forward to allowance, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned.

Applicants authorize and respectfully request that any fees due be charged to Deposit Account No. 19-2814. **This statement does NOT authorize charge of the issue fee.**

Respectfully submitted,

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